

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11 have been amended to delete the phrase "characterized in that" and conform the claim to U.S. practice. Claims 3, 4, and 11 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1; and Claims 6, 7, 8 have been amended to depend on Claim 4. Claim 10 has been amended to depend solely on Claim 8, thereby eliminating multiple dependent claims. Further, Claims 1-11 have been amended to delete reference to drawing numbers in claiming elements of applicants' apparatus, in accordance with U.S. practice. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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